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LOK SABHA

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CENTRAL PLAN ASSISTANCE TO RAJASTHAN
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from Government ofRajasthan to increase Central Plan Assistance and review of two fold loan grant pattern of the assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF PLANNING & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. In its Memorandum for Annual Plan 2003-04, the Governmentof Rajasthan, inter alia, suggested restructuring the pattern of Central Assistance by giving due weightage to area, distance over which services are delivered, special problems such as deserts etc and changing the loan:grant ratio to 50:50 from the present 70:30.

(c): The existing pattern of allocation of Normal Central Assistance and Loan:Grantratio of Plan assistance to States is based on the Gadgil Formula as approved by the National Development Council (NDC) in December, 1991.Any change in the Formula requires the approval of NDC.Further, a change in the existing Loan:Grant ratio has implication on Centre`s revenue and capital receipts and thereby on plan assistance to States.